

**MINUTES  
OF THE TOWN HALL MEETING OF THE  
EDINA CITY COUNCIL  
HELD AT EDINA SENIOR CENTER  
APRIL 17, 2010  
10:10 A.M.**

**ROLLCALL** Answering rollcall were Members Bennett, Brindle, Swenson and Mayor Hovland. Member Housh entered the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Mayor Hovland thanked persons for attending. He explained this was the third Edina Town Hall Meeting hosted by the Edina City Council. He noted that residents had been asked to complete a card stating their name, address and topic and he would be calling residents to speak by name. Each speaker would be allowed to have three minutes to speak on any issue or concern they wished to express.

Mary Patnaude, 5705 West 66<sup>th</sup> Street, expressed concern about the condition of streets near her home and being required to pay for the repair with very few homes on the street. She also expressed concern that her property value has gone down. The Mayor explained that all property owners both residential and commercial participate in costs when streets were rebuilt. The City Manager, Gordon Hughes, also indicated he would discuss the situation with her.

Mary and Jack Ryan, 6824 Brook Drive, expressed concern about the proposed trail along 9 Mile Creek. They stated they were against the bike trail being built along the creek and noted the maps depicting the proposed alignments were not very good.

Nancy Crain, 4952 Poppy Lane, stated she was a member of the Community Access Team and asked if the Council would entertain alternate routes to what 3 Rivers Park District has mapped, such as along Metro Boulevard.

Tim Crain, 4952 Poppy Lane, urged the Council to consider alternatives to an alignment along 9 Mile Creek.

Shelley Golden, 6987 Langford Court, said she opposed the bike path along the creek because it will destroy habitat. She also does not want it along Lincoln Drive because it will take too much of the front yards.

Susan Clark, 5812 West 61<sup>st</sup> Street, expressed concern about the proposed Senior Housing along Tracy Avenue and the Crosstown. She asked for better citizen involvement in future land use decisions.

Tom Bonneville, 4378 Browndale Avenue, suggested that to improve communications, a staff member be assigned to write weekly write-ups of activities in the City. These should be published in the Edina Sun Current.

Bruce Kieffer, 5404 Edenmoor, expressed frustration with an on-going trash issue at a neighbor's home. He said that they had contacted Solvei Wilmot who wrote a letter and the neighbor cleaned up, but was now back to their old habits.

Lois Ring, 7440 Edinborough Way, stated she was concerned about the noise potential if the proposed restaurant, Pinstripes were allowed to operate at Centennial Lakes.

Donna Schoffelman, 6964 Langford Court, stated she felt due to the current economy it was not the right time to pursue the 9 Mile Creek Bike Trail. Ms. Schoffelman also did not want to see the

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trail along Lincoln Drive because of the many access points along that street which would create safety hazards.

Gail Gaumer, 5209 Lochloy Drive, expressed concern that the City was consider banning indoor wood burning fireplaces. Ms. Gaumer stated she has a wood burning fireplace with three faces in her home that cannot be converted to gas.

Nancy Kuphal, 5500 McGuire Road, stated she would like to see the City undertake some deer control because of the severe damage deer do to landscaping. She saw last fall the deer control was cut from the City's budget and urged it be re-instated.

Dave Henry, 5712 Creek Valley Road, stated that his neighborhood was subjected to noise from the Edina High School trash collection each morning between 5:a.m. and 6:15 a.m. He said that repeated attempts to get the trash collector or the High School to change the scheduled time had been unsuccessful. Neighbors have gotten nowhere with Dr. Locklear.

Mr. Henry said that he also wanted to discuss the dangerous condition that existed on Tracy Avenue. He stated that as a bike commuter he has encountered many intersections on the curvy part of Tracy and the way the street has been striped made it a safety hazard.

Mr. Henry also expressed his concern with Colonial Church's proposed project. He noted that he was a Segment Leader for the alignment review of the proposed 9 Mile Creek Bike Trail. As a bike rider Mr. Henry felt that TH62 should be crossed at either Gleason or Tracy and he has been frustrated to hear the City Council asked for an alignment on the trail.

Jeff Witt, 6104 Habitat Court, expressed concern about the proposed Bike Trail alignment along Lincoln Drive because adding bikes will increase safety issues on this segment of road. He felt there were better alternatives that should be reviewed. Mr. Witt agreed that deer control was needed because damage from deer was a problem.

Kent Gravelle, 5609 Tracy Avenue, said he was with the Colonial Church opposition and was in charge of environmental issues. Mr. Gravelle stated he had submitted a petition to the Department of Environmental Quality requesting their assistance with the impact the proposed development would have on the property.

Jennifer Janovy, 4016 Inglewood Avenue, said an issue came up Thursday evening at the Transportation Commission meeting regarding the restriping of France Avenue. Ms. Janovy asked the Council to pull the item from the Council's agenda to allow further review of the issue. She urged the Council to view the Transportation Commission meeting online to hear the concerns of the Commissioners.

Bruce Kieffer, 5404 Edenmoor, noted he had some luck with a product called Repelz All and suggested that might be one option to pursue to help control the deer.

Gail Gaumer, 5209 Lochloy Drive, said she used a chemical free solution consisting of one teaspoon Tabasco, one tablespoon dish soap, and water mixed in a spray bottle as a deer deterrent. Ms. Gaumer said spray directly on the foliage, but do not use on any vegetables that you wish to consume. She added that spraying in several places should deter deer.

John Bohan, 800 Coventry Place, expressed his opposition to Pinstripes and stated that he believed letters to the City Council were not available to the public online.

Jennifer Janovy, 4016 Inglewood Avenue, said her letter representing the League of Women Voters was never included in a Council packet.

Jim Grogan, 6952 Langford Court, stated he opposed the proposed 9 Mile Creek Bike Trail.

Pam Johnson, 5505 Valley Lane, asked why 3 Rivers Park District were saying the City Council was requiring 9 Mile Creek to stay along the creek with all of their alignments and refusing to check out any other alternatives.

Nancy Crain, 4952 Poppy Lane, agreed stating that 3 Rivers Park District was not allowing the community groups to look at anything but the alignments 3 Rivers Park District has proposed.

Bruce Kieffer, 5405 Edenmoor, thanked the Council for conducting the Town Hall meeting and stated he liked the venue at the Senior Center.

Jim Landberg, 5408 Creek View Lane, asked about the future of the Southdale Center.

Tim Crain, 4952 Poppy Lane, asked about the impact on 9 Mile Creek, Lake Edina and Cornelia Lake when Southdale ceased using and discharging ground water to heat and cool their facility as ordered by the EPA. He expressed concern over the degradation of the bodies of water when they no longer receive the influx of water from Southdale.

Tom Bonneville, 4378 Browndale Avenue, gave some history on the use of the ground water and underground holding lakes that were used in the past.

Mayor Hovland adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, May 4, 2010

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James B. Hovland, Mayor